GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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UNUTILISATION OF MATERIAL
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether material had been procured for 10 plants during 1986 to 1992 whereas civil works had not commenced for anyone of them and consequently the material worth Rs.1069 crore is lying unutilised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the material was not properly stored;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any investigation has been conducted into the matter and responsibility and accountability fixed;

(f) if so, the details thereof?

(g) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(h) the details of the material purchased out of Rs.1069 crore and the present status?
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Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) The `Nuclear Power Profile` formulated in the year 1984 envisaged setting up of 10,000 MWe of installed nuclear power capacity by the year 2000. Advance actions for procurement of long delivery and critical equipment to suit the then envisaged project schedules, were taken for 10 units (4x220 MWe and 6x500 MWe PHWRs) to meet the schedules of projects envisaged in the Profile. The project construction including civil works for the plants could not be commenced due to financial resource constraints. In the year 1998, construction on 2 units (TAPP-3&4) of 500 MWe at Tarapur, Maharashtra was reactivated. With the accord of project financial sanction by the Government of India in May 2001, construction work on 2 units (Kaiga-3&4) of 220 MWe at Kaiga, Karnataka has also commenced. The civil works on these projects have also since commenced. About 77% of the total equipment/materials, procured in advance meant for these projects, have been put to use in these projects which are under construction.

(c) & (d) The equipment/materials procured were stored properly for use progressively as the projects are taken up.

v (e),(f) & (g) Does not arise, since the material is put to the intended use

(h) As explained in (a) & (b) above, about 77% of the material/ equipment have been put to use in the projects under construction. The balance material/equipment, procured in advance representing about 23% of the total advance procurement, are meant for 2x220 MWe and 4x500 MWe PHWR projects which are proposed to be included, for commence- ment of construction, of projects in the X Five Year Plan proposals. The materials purchased are of special raw material and critical equipment which have no shelf life restrictions. The material/equipment for these projects are properly stored and preserved.